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DHEC Health Update

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New Ebola Information and Resources for Healthcare Providers

Summary: The purpose of this DHEC Health Update is to provide notification of new and updated information and resources from the CDC and other sources for Ebola virus disease. The new guidelines and updates are provided for healthcare facilities and providers during the evaluation or management of patients with Ebola virus disease (EVD).

General Guidance and Resources:

1. Information from the CDC and additional resources for parents, teachers and pediatric providers to use in addressing concerns related to children and EVD.
 - Resources for Parents Schools and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals (Nov 4):
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/children/index.html>
2. Guidance providing specific information for obstetrics providers, furnished by The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
 - Practice Advisory: Care of Obstetric Patients During an Ebola Virus Outbreak (Nov 3)
http://m.acog.org/About-ACOG/News-Room/Statements-and-Advisories/2014/Care-of-Obstetric-Patients-During-an-Ebola-Virus-Outbreak#.VFg_6dOcJ0.mailto
3. Guidance and algorithm (single page) for the use of providers in the ambulatory care facilities.
 - Ambulatory Care Evaluation of Patients with Possible EVD (Nov1):
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ambulatory-care-evaluation-of-patients-with-possible-ebola.pdf>
4. Poster providing graphics with a description of potential methods for the spread or transmission of EVD.
 - Infographic-How Ebola is Spread (Nov 1):
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/infections-spread-by-air-or-droplets.pdf>
5. Additional information addressing the specific questions for the updated guidelines for the monitoring and risk stratification specifically for international travelers returning from affected countries.
 - Questions and Answers about CDC's Ebola Monitoring and Movement Guidance (Nov 1):
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/qas-monitoring-and-movement-guidance.html>

6. Guidance for the decision to discharge a patient being evaluated as Person Under Investigation (PUI) for EVD.
 - Considerations for Discharging Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for Ebola Virus Disease (Oct 30):
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/considerations-discharging-pui.html>

PPE videos and web-based trainings:

- CDC web-based PPE training: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/ppe-training/index.html>
- Medscape's CDC expert Commentary PPE Instruction Video:
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/833907>
- CDC and Greater New York Hospital Association PPE Training and Demonstration:
<http://www.gnyha.org/ebolatraining>

DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements

Reporting of Ebola Virus Disease is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2014 List of Reportable Conditions available at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/Library/CR-009025.pdf>

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

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